be possible to lay down a time limit for such a major procurement project. However, Government is keen on finalisation of the issue.

4. In regard to the purchase of submarines, Government have approved a long term perspective plan for indigenous construction of submarines and acquisition of national competence in submarine building. M/s Armaris of France (current nomenclature of the company whose name has changed several times) were the sole respondents to a limited global tender floated in 1997 to companies.

(a) M/s Th CSF, France (now M/s Armaris)

(b) M/sVSELofUK

(c) M/s RVZ of Russia

(d) M/s Kokcum of Sweden.

Mazagon Docks Limited (MDL), Mumbai has been identified as the yard to ultimately construct French designed Submarines on successful completion of negotiations with the French Company. However, no final decision on the proposal has been taken.

WRITTEN ANSWERSTO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Accidents in coal mines

†2162. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of accidents and fire incidents in coal mines/ headquarters during last three years;

(b) the State-wise details of the loss occurred to men and property in these accidents; and

(c) the details of the measures taken to prevent such accidents?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) and (b) The State-wise details of accidents and loss of Life due to accidents in coal mines during the last three years are given in Statement-I *(See* below). The State-wise details of fire accidents in coal mines during the last three years are given in Statement-ll. (See below)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.